REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Title

The title has been objected to as not being descriptive. In response, a new title, which is more clearly indicative of the claimed invention, is presented herein for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Specification

The specification has been amended to place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that <u>no</u> new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 11 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 1 through 10, 12 through 23, 25, and 26 remain pending in the application and have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that <u>no</u> new matter has been added. Claims 1, 8, 14, and 21 are the only independent claims pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 8 through 13 and 21 through 26 are allowed. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the allowed pending claims presented herein do <u>not</u> affect their allowability.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 1 through 7 and 14 through 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second

paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons succinctly stated in the Official Action.

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended inter alia to address the grounds of the

rejection. It is believed that the rejection has been overcome.

Closing Comments

No art rejections have been lodged against the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable over the art of

record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration

and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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